

Second Restriction Requirement Response
Serial No. 10/774,298
Docket No. VEL03-GN003

REMARKS

Administrative Summary

Claims 1-33 and 48-90 are pending. Claims 34-47 and 91-96 have been cancelled. Claims 48-90 have been amended. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Instant Office Action

The June 13 Office action indicates that originally filed claims 1-96 were subject to a restriction or election requirement. The Office action indicates that Applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits.

As indicated summarily on page 2 of the June 13 Office action, and elaborated more fully on pages 2-6 of the Office action, it is alleged that the application contains claims directed to six patentably distinct inventions: (1) Group I, corresponding to claims 1-33, drawn to a chemical process system, classified in class 96, subclass 4; (2) Group II, corresponding to claims 34-41, drawn to a method of starting up one or more unit operations, classified in class 436, subclass 37; (3) Group III, corresponding to claims 42-47, drawn to a method of shutting down one or more unit operations, classified in class 423, subclass 651; (4) Group IV, corresponding to claims 48-59, drawn to a unit operation containment system, classified in class 422, subclass 188; (5) Group V, corresponding to claims 60-90, drawn to a process unit, classified in class 34, subclass 76; and (6) Group VI, corresponding to claims 91-96, drawn to a method of operating a unit operation, classified in class 585, subclass 709. Applicants hereby elect in writing to prosecute claims 1-33, corresponding to Group I, **without traverse**.

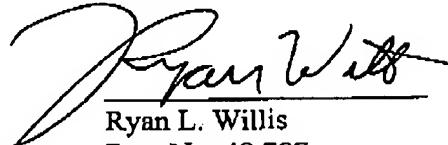
Applicants have also amended claims 48-90 to stand in dependent form from either claim 1 or claim 17. In view of these amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 and claim 17 are generic as to Group I, therefore claims 1-33 and 48-90 read on one of these generic claims. Thus, Applicants respectfully elect Group I, as amended, corresponding to claims 1-33 and 48-90, **without traverse**.

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In the event that the Examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response,
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A clean set of the claims is provided below as a courtesy.

Respectfully submitted,



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